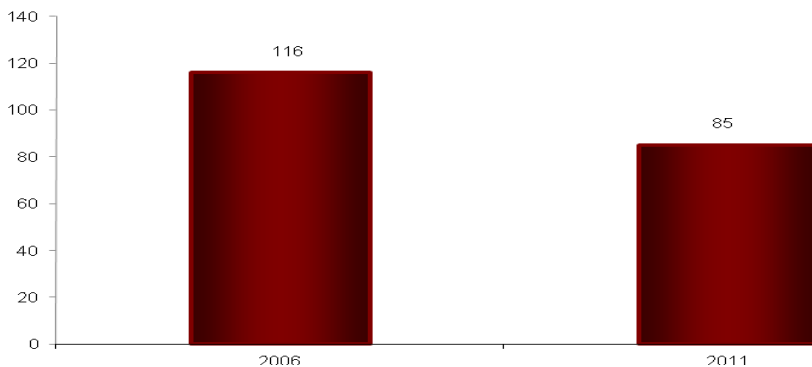


## Talbot County

### *Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland*

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Talbot County has seen 4.5% reduction in total crime, a significant 26.7% reduction in violent crime, and a 1.7% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in aggravated assaults (-26.3%), as well as a reduction in larceny/thefts (-7.4%).

**Talbot County Violent Crime Trends 2006 - 2011**



### **TALBOT COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Talbot County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 20 grants in Talbot County totaling \$564,376. As a result, Talbot County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Sex Offender Monitoring** – The Talbot County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support/Training Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program benefits all the citizens of Talbot County and assists in efforts to create safer communities by officers conducting compliance checks and investigating persons required to register to the Sex Offender Registry.

### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Problem Solving Courts
- Alternative Sentencing
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Victim Services
- Child Advocacy Center

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- **Victim Services** – The For All Seasons Victim Services program provides services to victims in 5 Eastern Shore counties to address the emotional effects of violent crime. The program provides services to victims of rape/sexual assault, domestic violence, and child physical abuse/neglect through a continuum of services that address barriers to victim services in rural settings. These barriers include: the cost of services and medication, availability of mental health services, physical isolation, and the stigma associated with being a crime victim.
- **Problem Solving Courts** - The Talbot County Government received funding to support a Problem Solving Court which reduces recidivism and protects the public by offering high risk and high needs substance abuse and/or mental health offenders required services to become productive members of society. The program focuses on evidence-based strategies, in patient addictions treatment, and a cognitive restructuring program.
- **Alternative Sentencing** – The Talbot County Alternative Sentencing program provides alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organizations' labor needs. Staff members coordinate work assignments and supervise non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial diversion or a post trial sanction. The program provides adult offenders opportunities to fulfill their community obligations while maintaining job, family, and community ties.
- **Child Advocacy Center** - The Talbot County Department of Social Services' Children's Advocacy Center Support program provides medical services, mental health services, and advocacy services to victims of child sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers.



*"Talbot County has achieved across the board crime reductions and that is because of its effective use of partnerships. County agencies have worked together and shared information about crime, programs for juveniles, and victim services. The result has been a safer and more secure county for its citizens."*

Governor Martin O'Malley

*"Our efforts in addressing and controlling crime in Talbot County are based in the cooperative partnerships and joint crime initiatives shared by all agencies across the county, and supported by others across the state. These mutual successes strengthen relationships, and better focus public safety resources to meet the needs of the citizens and communities that we serve."*

Sheriff Dallas Pope